

POLICE DEFENDED BY JUDGE MAY IN GRAND JURY TALK

Activities of 'Worn Out Has
Beens' Attacked From
Bench in Brooklyn.

SEES POLITICAL BIAS

Admiral Investigators and
C. S. Whitman Not Specifi-
cally Mentioned.

POINTS TO BAD EFFECT

Asserts That Petty Juries Are
Becoming Suspicious of All
Police Witnesses.

A defense of the Police Department against what he called political attacks was offered by County Judge Mitchell May of Brooklyn in an address to the retiring February Grand Jury of Kings county yesterday. He did not mention the Admiral jury or Charles S. Whitman specifically. He said:

"In one county we have had twelve grand juries. One of these was a self-perpetuating body with no other apparent reason for its existence than to provide occasion for its members to gain publicity. All men know that on the eve of a political campaign the most fruitful source of attacks is the Police Department. It is most unfortunate at this time that these attacks are being made for political emergencies and by political, worn out has-beens who are trying to rejuvenate themselves politically and whose record shows that in their ambition they had little respect for life, liberty and reputation."

Judge May said the Police Department needed no defense and no apology. "I have never found much of fact in the assertion, so frequently made, that a crime wave exists here," he continued. "The conditions in Greater New York are conditions that have obtained in every section of the country and are

similar, in less degree, to those prevailing in all large cities throughout the civilized world.

Bad Effect on Juries.
"Were the attacks confined to certain individuals of the force they would matter little, for nobody can expect that in any association of thousands of men they are all free from human failings. But the attack on the police force has a most dangerous significance, the peril of which is so great that public attention should be riveted upon it by such public officials as come face to face with the serious consequences. By such attacks each individual member of the Police Department is affected, but their startling peril rests in the interference they offer to the administration of our criminal law."

"These attacks hold up to contempt the testimony of police officers in the prosecution of crime. They weaken and recently in a number of cases have killed the strength of police officers' testimony before petty juries. Of late it has not been unusual to hear prospective jurors declare that they could place no credence in the unsupported testimony of police officers."

"The police force is entitled to a fair deal. Its members welcome an honest investigation, but let it be honest. There are investigating committees in the State and county, examining into everything, despite the fact that history shows that the results of such investigations have never produced any real benefits, except in the case of one committee."

"The Kings county Grand Jury in its recommendations suggested that steps be taken to censor the movies and protect girls and boys from the suggestion of crime."

Inside of the Ash Contracts.
David Hirschfeld, Commissioner of Accounts, renewed his attack on Mr. Whitman by issuing a formal statement of the history of the Jacob Pradus ash removal contract. This contract has been under fire in three sessions of the Whitman Grand Jury, but Mr. Hirschfeld is the first to tell the public what the trouble is supposed to be. Before the Hyman administration came into office, Mr. Hirschfeld said, "there existed a combination which controlled and monopolized all street cleaning contracts for the removal of ashes and snow, and there also existed a combination of certain forage dealers who paroled out between themselves the various city contracts for hay and oats, and managed to keep everyone else from competing."

After the Hyman inauguration Daily & News took the lead in the ash removal contract. This was the big scandal of January and February, 1918, so hampered the Department of Street Cleaning that ashes were temporarily piled in great heaps along the river front and under bridges. Bids for the removal of these heaps were opened by Street Cleaning Commissioner Macstay on March 18, 1918. Jacob Pradus, Inc., put in the lowest bid, 90 cents a cubic yard. James McAvoy bid 94 cents, and then came Charles R. Van Ertten and William Charlesworth, each bidding \$1.

McAvoy failed to qualify by signing a contract and giving a bond. That left Pradus with no bidder between himself and Van Ertten and Charlesworth. An attempt to get Pradus to drop out failing, threats were made that he would not be allowed to carry out the contract, according to Commissioner Hirschfeld.

field, but, undaunted, he signed a contract and filed a surety bond for \$100,000.

Contractor Hampered, He Says.
Hirschfeld figures that Commissioner Macstay, by awarding the contract to Pradus instead of the next higher bidder, with the approval of the Board of Estimate, saved the city about \$4,280. But when Pradus tried to tackle the ash heaps he found, Commissioner Hirschfeld said, "that certain interests were powerful enough to keep him from obtaining scows or any other boats to remove the ashes to deep water." So Pradus had to cart the ashes in trucks over the Queensboro Bridge to dumping grounds in Long Island City. Under these circumstances he could not finish the job in the required sixty days. Because he had done his best and "had helped the city to break the theretofore existing combination" and the city was saving \$4,280, the period of the contract was extended by Commissioner Macstay.

"It was deemed but fair to give Pradus a chance," said Mr. Hirschfeld, "and not take him by the throat and choke him, which would have been a source of gratification to those who failed to secure the contract."

"Now this is the story of the mysterious transaction, and if treating a man white is a crime, then I am afraid, with the exception of possibly a very few, all of us with red blood in our veins are criminals."

Mr. Whitman and the Grand Jury will consider the Pradus contract again on Tuesday.

**COUNSEL'S 'STRATEGY'
KEEPS NURSE IN CELL**

Grand Jury Continues to
Probe Crawford Charges.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
SYRACUSE, March 5.—Grand Jury investigation of the two years in bed of Mrs. Ruth A. Crawford of bed of Emma street rested today while the woman's nurse and cousin, Mrs. Alice T. Lettner, remained in Police Headquarters. Her attorney says it is part of the "strategy" to let her stay in jail and make no effort to have a formal charge laid against her so she can be released on bail.

District Attorney Malpass expects it will take two or three days of next week to present evidence to the Grand Jury. Dr. W. D. Towseley, father of Mrs. Lettner, has not completed his testimony and will be recalled Monday. Mrs. Crawford has been examined by physicians and pronounced physically unable to testify. She is to be taken to the courtroom in a wheel chair probably at the close of Dr. Towseley's examination.

Dr. Towseley is the only witness so far who has been asked to sign a waiver of immunity.

F. M. VAN NOSTRAND LEAVES JAIL; DIES

Flushing Lawyer Stricken
When Confined Under
\$2,750 Charge.

Frederick M. Van Nostrand, prominent attorney of Flushing, under arrest on a Supreme Court order in connection with an investigation of his administration of an estate, died yesterday morning in St. John's Hospital, Long Island City. He was removed to the hospital from the Queens county jail after he had suffered a stroke of apoplexy.

Not until Mr. Van Nostrand's death was reported by the hospital authorities did it become known generally that he was under arrest. He was taken into custody by Deputy Sheriff J. W. Boyle Friday night. The Sheriff's action being based on an order signed by Justice Russell Benedict of the Supreme Court, Brooklyn. Justice Benedict issued the order on the application of attorneys for Mrs. Clara B. Burling, daughter of the late George W. Lawrence, who charged Mr. Van Nostrand with misappropriation of \$2,750 from her father's estate, of which he was an executor and trustee.

It was made known yesterday that the lawyer was considerably upset by his arrest. He said he was making arrangements for settling his affairs and that the order of arrest was an altogether unnecessary precaution.

Sheriff Boyle escorted his prisoner to jail early Friday night. He was in good health apparently and, so far as the jail attendants knew, passed the night in sound sleep.

Soon after breakfast was served him early in the morning Mr. Van Nostrand complained of being ill. The matter was reported immediately to Henry Vogt, Under Sheriff, and an ambulance was called.

The surgeon who attended Mr. Van Nostrand said he had suffered a stroke and that his condition was critical. Less than two hours afterward he was dead. Mr. Van Nostrand was a son of the late Charles A. S. Van Nostrand, old time lawyer of Queens and at the time of his death in 1905 manager of the estates of many prominent Long Island families. The son studied law in his father's office and finally was graduated from New York University Law School. He took over his father's work and handled it in connection with extensive dealing in real estate.

A week ago Mr. Van Nostrand was made a defendant in an action begun by his brother, Sidney Van Nostrand, for a partition and settlement of the estate of their father, Justice Callaghan of the Supreme Court, Queens, signed

an order appointing William E. Stewart of Long Island City referee in action. The Van Nostrand estate comprises some land of high value fronting on Flushing Bay between Flushing and College Point. On the property is the old Van Nostrand homestead.

**20 TYPHUS SUSPECTS
IN 1,957 IMMIGRANTS**
200 Aliens Mix With Grand
Central Commuters.

Of 1,957 immigrants arriving at the several gateways of the city yesterday Health Department inspectors detained twenty as possible typhus carriers. They were sent to Willard Parker Hospital for a disinfecting bath.

Some confusion occurred at Grand Central Terminal when 200 foreigners, just arrived from Boston, got mixed with thousands of commuters passing through the concourse on their way to work. Twenty-five policemen were required to restore order.

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**CARUSO'S FEVER GONE;
HE IS STILL IMPROVING**

Singer Is Cheered by Visit of
Brother.

Continued improvement in the condition of Enrico Caruso was reported yesterday by his physicians. A short visit during the morning by Giovanni Caruso, the singer's brother, who arrived at the Vanderbilt Friday night, had the effect of cheering Caruso.

The meeting with his brother, whom he had not seen for two years, was carefully prepared for and was allowed only after precautions had been taken that Caruso would not become too excited. Any undue excitement at this stage of his illness, it was said by one of his physicians, might cause a relapse.

The following bulletin was issued by the physicians after their consultation: "Mr. Caruso is progressing regularly and satisfactorily. His fever has disappeared. The physicians will not meet until tomorrow, but Dr. Francis J. Murray will remain on call during the interim."

Daily Calendar THE WEATHER.

For Eastern New York—Rain and warmer to-day; to-morrow fair and colder; increasing southerly winds. For New Jersey—Showers and warmer to-day; to-morrow fair and colder; increasing southerly winds. For Northern New England—Rain or snow and warmer to-day; to-morrow fair, somewhat colder; increasing southerly winds. For Southern New England—Rain and warmer to-day; to-morrow fair and colder; increasing southerly winds. For Western New York—Rain to-day; to-morrow fair and colder.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Pressure is high in the Atlantic States, low over a wide belt extending from the great lakes southward to New Mexico and Arizona, and relatively high over the Northwest. A disturbance of considerable intensity had its centre to-night over northwestern Illinois and it is moving rapidly eastward. Within the last twenty-four hours there were rains and snow in the region of the great lakes, rain in the States immediately north of the Ohio River and in the upper Mississippi Valley. Thunderstorms occurred at many points within this area. Light rains also have fallen in the north Pacific States and rain and snow in the northern Rocky Mountain region.

There has been a marked rise in temperature since yesterday in the States east of the Mississippi River and a decided fall in temperature over the northern plains States and the northern Rocky Mountain region. Temperature continues above normal generally over the United States, and particularly so over the Ohio and central Mississippi valleys and the Southern States. In the New England States there will be rain and warmer weather to-morrow and fair and colder weather on Monday. In the mid-Atlantic States the weather will be unsettled and warmer, with occasional showers to-morrow and fair and cooler Monday.

In the south Atlantic and Gulf States the weather will be fair and warmer to-morrow, followed by local showers to-morrow night or Monday, with somewhat lower temperature. In Tennessee and the Ohio Valley there will be showers and thunderstorms to-morrow, followed by fair and colder weather by to-morrow night and on Monday. In the region of the great lakes

there will be rains and snow and colder weather to-morrow and cloudy weather Monday.

Observations at United States Weather Bureau stations, taken 8 P. M. to-day, except fifth meridian time:

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Highest temperature, 44, at 8:10 P. M. Lowest temperature, 20, at 1 A. M. Average temperature, 31.

EVENTS TO-DAY.

N. J. Stone, Sidney Hillman and Prof. James H. Tufts will discuss "Strikes or Arbitration," at a meeting under auspices of the Women's City Club and the Consumers League of New York city, Town Hall, 3 P. M.
The Drama League, annual dinner, Hotel Michigan, 7 P. M.
American Committee for Relief in Ireland, meeting, Waldorf-Astoria, 2:30 P. M.
Ex-Commissioner William A. Prendergast will speak on "The City Transit Problem," at the Brooklyn Civic Forum, P. S. 84, Glenmore and Stone avenues, Brooklyn, 8 P. M.
People of the Music School Settlement will give a concert at the settlement house, 65 East Third street, 4 P. M.
"English perils" mass meeting, auspices of Friends of Freedom for India, Lexington Theatre, 7:30 P. M.
Laying of cornerstone, Beth David Hospital, Lexington avenue and Fifth street, 2 P. M.
Social Circle of the Cultural Federation, reception and ball, Academy Hall, 115 West Seventy-ninth street, 8 P. M.
Prof. J. H. Long will speak on "Does Religion Foster Peace?" at Terrace Garden, 105 East Fifty-eighth street, 8 P. M.
Columbus Volunteers of America, review and reception, tendered to Major-General Robert L. Bullard, Webster Hall, 119 East Eleventh street, 2 P. M.
John Edward Oster will discuss "Social Ideals and Social Control," at Mount Morris Baptist Church, Fifth avenue and 150th street, 8:30 A. M.
"A Hero of Old Japan," story hours conducted by Anna C. Chandler, Metropolitan Museum of Art, 2 and 3 P. M.
Dr. Henry M. Sanders will preach at the Lecture series in Town Hall, 119 East Eleventh street, 8:15 P. M.
Antony Equity Association, meeting, Hotel Astor, 2 P. M.
Annual concert and lecture in aid of the Monastery of the Precious Blood, Mount Vernon, N. Y., 8:15 P. M.
W. A. Goldworthy will give an organ recital in Washington Irving High School, Irving Place and Sixteenth street, 8:15 P. M.
"Dances with Ears," lecture by Geoffrey Morgan, at P. S. 147, Bushwick avenue and Stiegel street, Brooklyn, 8:15 P. M.

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Moleskin Scarfs	\$50 \$25
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Marmot Coats, in 36 inch to 45 inch models, raccoon trimmed.	Originally 185.00 to 265.00. Now	125.00
Pony Coats, with contrasting fur collars and cuffs.	Originally 195.00 to 295.00. Now	100.00
Near Seal Coats, with self collar and cuffs or contrasting fur trimming.	Originally 145.00 to 275.00. Now	85.00

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